

distinguished Director of the National Institutes of Health. During his tenure as Director, great strides were made in medical research—the continued mapping of the human genome; new generations of AIDS drugs' gene therapy; the remarkable growth of information technology in health research; a strong effort to combat the global spread of infectious diseases; and exciting new scientific opportunities, such as stem cell research, that may one day lead to cures for Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, heart disease, and diabetes.

When I first met Dr. Varmus, I recall being impressed by the force and eloquence with which he advanced the cause of medical research. When he informed me of his intention to leave his post as Director, I could not help but think that NIH would lose one of its most valuable assets. His commitment to raise the level of scientific achievement at the NIH, and the enthusiasm and vigor that he brought to the job will certainly be missed.

I have no doubt that in his new position as head of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, Dr. Varmus will stimulate the same high level of excitement and energy as he did at NIH. And while Sloan-Kettering will benefit from his vast knowledge of the biology of cancer, cancer patients there will feel the warmth of his deep compassion.

During his tenure as NIH Director, the agency has seen unprecedented funding increases. In 1993, when he assumed the position of Director funding for NIH was \$8.9 billion. Under his leadership, the NIH budget has more than doubled to the \$17.9 billion.

Dr. Varmus was the first Nobel Laureate to serve as NIH Director. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1989 for his work in demonstrating that cancer genes can arise from normal cellular genes. He is an international authority on retro-viruses and the genetic basis for cancer. Prior to coming to NIH, Dr. Varmus was a Professor at the University of California at San Francisco.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Varmus on his new position and to salute his contribution to the Nation and the cause of medical research. His wise counsel and responsible leadership helped lay the foundation for a research agenda that will have a lasting effect on the lives of millions of people throughout the United States and the world.●

A TRIBUTE TO ANDY MORAN

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, no matter what our party affiliation, no matter what our beliefs, no matter whether we are Members or staff, we are all here for one purpose—that is, we believe in the nobility of public service. And while the enormity of the issues before this body bring it, and us,

much notoriety, it is to the many thousands of dedicated public servants at the State and local level that we owe a debt of gratitude.

San Francisco has been fortunate for the last 25 years to have had the services of a public servant of great ability and dedication, Andy Moran. Andy's talents first came to my attention when I was Mayor. He has risen through the ranks of municipal government and has, for the last six years, served as the General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. For those who do not know, our PUC includes the Hetch Hetchy Water and Power Division, the Water Department and San Francisco's Clean Water Program.

As one might imagine, the challenges of this job are many, and they are varied. Andy has met those challenges with practice, intelligence, good humor, and a sense of fairness. His accomplishments are too numerous to mention here, but I would be remiss if I don't pay special tribute to his expertise on the all-important issue of California water. Water is our lifeblood in California, and the demands on our water supply and our water supply system have increased dramatically in the last generation.

Andy has been a part of that evolution. He has an institutional memory and an understanding of those issues which are born of first hand experience. He has played pivotal roles in such landmark agreements as the Bay-Delta accord and the settlement of Tuolumne River water rights with Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts. His accomplishments have been widely recognized by his peers, and he has served on numerous California water committees, including a term as Chair of the Association of California Urban Water Agencies.

Mr. President, we do not know what the future holds for Andy Moran, but we do know that his future will be met with continued success. He has been a mainstay of San Francisco's municipal government and will be greatly missed. We owe Andy a tremendous debt of gratitude, and we wish him the very best in his life ahead. Andy Moran is a true public servant.●

A 50TH BIRTHDAY SALUTE TO THE REVEREND ALPHONSE STEPHENSON

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an important event which occurred yesterday, January 25th—the 50th birthday of The Reverend Alphonse Stephenson. Father Stephenson was recently feted by over a hundred family members and friends and his 50th birthday warrants a few moments of the Senate's attention.

Father Alphonse is a native son of New Jersey, but he has shared his varied talents with people of New York

City. Priest at the Catholic Actor's Chapel in New York City, musical conductor of "A Chorus Line" on Broadway, and founder and conductor of St. Peter's Orchestra by the Sea, are just a few of the "hats" worn by Father Alphonse.

But Father Alphonse also assists in providing for those less fortunate. The Orchestra of St. Peter's by the Sea, under the baton of Father Alphonse, has raised over two million dollars for various hospitals, such as our own St. Vincent's in New York City; educational facilities, such as Mount Saint Michael in the Bronx; and churches that assist the homeless, such as St. John's near Pennsylvania Station. Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, he has created the Cecilia Foundation which allows young school children to experience the classics and even get a chance to conduct. The Cecilia Foundation provides musical instruments to children who would not get such an opportunity without the generosity of Father Alphonse.

Somehow, Father Alphonse has also found time to create the "Festival of the Atlantic," a series of free concerts at Point Pleasant Beach and the largest outdoor musical endeavor in the State of New Jersey. Crowds of 10,000 and more are not uncommon.

He is also a Major and the Chief Chaplain of the 108th Refueling Wing at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey with another change in rank soon to occur!

An amazing list of accomplishments for one so young. As the Senate begins the 2nd Session of the 106th Congress, I join family and friends in wishing Father Alphonse a healthy and happy 50th Birthday—one wonders what the next 50 years will bring!●

DEATH OF FLOYD M. RIDDICK, PARLIAMENTARIAN EMERITUS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 245, which was submitted earlier by Senators LOTT, DASCHLE, and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 245) relative to the death of Floyd M. Riddick, Parliamentarian Emeritus of the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, we just received word that Floyd M. Riddick, the Parliamentarian Emeritus of the Senate, passed away yesterday. As many of our colleagues may recall, Floyd M. Riddick was the Senate Parliamentarian from 1964 to 1974.

He was a parliamentarian of extraordinary depth and value. In 1954, under